

THE CAMBRIDGE STATISTICS DISCUSSION GROUP

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The Statistical Laboratory,
Centre for Mathematical Sciences,
Wilberforce Road, Cambridge, CB3 0WB

Would Statistics help your MP?

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Abstract: Anne Campbell, former MP for Cambridge, will help you to assess the answer to this question and guide you in the ways in which you can influence Parliamentarians. She will also cover the best ways of contacting MPs, how you can find out more about your MP, how the all Party Parliamentary Groups work and how to give evidence to a Select Committee. She will talk about the tried and tested methods of influencing Government policy and how difficult it is.

Speaker: Anne Campbell is a qualified statistician and taught mathematics, statistics and computing at what is now Anglia Ruskin University and later became Head of Statistics and Data Processing at the National Institute of Agricultural Botany. In 1994 Anne founded Opportunity Links Ltd which provides family support information and Cambridge On Line which facilitates access to interactive computer technology for people with disabilities. She served on Cambridgeshire County Council and subsequently was member of parliament for Cambridge from 1992-2005. Since December 2005 Anne has been chair of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust.

Directions: The main entrance is reached from Clarkson Road by going along the footpath to the right of the Newton Institute, and turning left through the gatehouse towards the main building (Pavilion A), which has a glass front and a curved grassed roof. The main entrance is in the middle of the glass front. Coffee before the talk will be in the common room in Pavilion D, and the talk will be in Meeting Room 4 in Pavilion A.. Free Parking is available after 5pm on Clarkson and Wilberforce Roads.

Provisional Next Meetings (2010):

2nd February – Bill Janeway (Warburg Pincus & Cambridge University) on ‘Six impossible things before dinner’.

2nd March - Tony Sabin (Amgen).

March – Doug Easton (CRUK Genetic Epidemiology Unit).

May – Tim Sparks (Formerly Centre for Ecology & Hydrology).

Supper: Some members eat before a talk at the University Centre meeting in the downstairs bar at 6pm. All welcome !

Subscriptions: of 1 pound are now due for attending the 2009-2010 session.

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Approved Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2007-2008

The Annual General Meeting for the year 2007-2008 was held at the Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit on 28th October 2008. Present: Ted Harding (in chair), Jack Bowden, Margaret Corbett, Chafia Cucks, Daniela Deangelis, Audrey Fu, Paul Garcia, Eleftherios Garyfallidis, Leonard Goldstein, Vincent Van Hees, Luigi Palla, Haidee Philpott, Jayantha Ratnayake, Matt Ritchie, Ian Saunders, Andrea Sottoriva, Simon Tavare, Dennis Wang, Peter Watson. **Apologies:** Mary Garratt, Helen Tate, Peter Treasure. The **minutes** of the previous A.G.M. were circulated and approved.

Treasurer's Accounts and Report 2007-2008:

Expenditure		Income	
Speakers' expenses	£31.86	Balance at Oct 2007	£45.92
		Subscriptions	£31.00

Cash balance at October 2008 £45.06. There remains £200.00 (plus interest) in a Community account at the Cambridge Building Society. The account holders are Ted Harding (current chairman), Peter Watson (current secretary) and Helen Tate (current treasurer). These names can be changed on application. The principle holder is the treasurer. Any of the three account holders can deposit and withdraw money. I suggest we keep the subscription at £1 for 2008-2009. This was agreed.

Election of officers and committee: Committee (unchanged) for 2008-2009: *chair* Ted Harding; *secretary* Peter Watson; *treasurer* Helen Tate ; *officio* Dave Andrews; *ordinary* Margaret Corbett, Pamela Morris, Haidee Philpott.

Any Other Business: None

Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2008-2009

The Annual General Meeting for the year 2008-2009 was held at the Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit on 20th October 2009. Present: Ted Harding (in chair), Gabor Borgulya, Margaret Corbett, Rebecca Cox, Mary Garratt, Yangmei Li, Xinxne Liu, Andrew McGuinness, Haidee Philpott, Jayantha Ratnayake, Tony Sabin, Helen Tate, Vincent Van Hees, Peter Watson. **Apologies:** Jurek Gurycz, Pamela Morris, Ian Nimmo-Smith. The **minutes** of the previous A.G.M. were circulated and approved. The secretary reported an excellent total attendance of 99 for the 2008-2009 session. He also invited anyone with links to local schools to recommend any schoolteachers of mathematics and/or statistics who might be suitable as CSDG speakers or venue hosts.

Treasurer's Accounts and Report 2008-2009: The CSDG started the year in October 2008 with £45.06 cash in addition to £200 in the Cambridge building Society (plus ~£3.00 interest). The table below shows the financial activity during the current year.

Expenditure		Income	
Speakers' expenses	£46.17	Balance at Oct 2008	£45.06
		Subscriptions	£25.00

Cash balance at October 2008 £45.06, cash remaining 1st October 2009 £23.89. There remains £200.00 (plus interest) in a Community account at the Cambridge Building Society.

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